

FOREIGN GOSSIP.

On the 21st of May a treaty was signed between Russia and the Attahang Ghance of Yarkand, providing for free intercourse between Russia and East Turkistan. This is one more point gained in Russia's long struggle to open commercial relations with Central Asia, and thus to develop the old commercial route through Central Asia to India.

A sharp imitation of Prussian political tactics has just been accomplished by the Austrian Government in regard to one of its very troublesome provinces, Dalmatia. In the Tyrol, the "Clerical" Deputies—that is, those who back up the present policy of the Vienna Cabinet in Church matters as impious and abominable—have declined to take part in the sittings of the Diet; and as, in that tamely suspicious mountain region, these members number strongly, the Diet does not have a sufficient quorum to transact business. By order of the Emperor, therefore, the Diet has been closed.

A bill for the suppression of the religious orders, applying to the province and City of Rome, has been presented to the Italian Parliament by the Minister of Justice. Its dispositions include the suppression of the religious orders, the whole property of which is to be confiscated and made available to the State. These orders are henceforth to be considered and are to stand on the same footing toward the laws of the State as all other civil associations. A reserve is made in favor of the order for women, which are entitled to more leniency. The exactions of their masters are to be suppressed, and the properties of these corporations will be applied to the charitable purposes for which they were originally established.

A few days ago a telegram was received from Vienna, stating that the Minister-President of Hungary, Count Lamony, was about to resign. Some light is cast upon this announcement by a statement received by mail that, on the 18th of November, a tumultuous scene occurred in the Lower House, when Deputy Esenrath made an offering of attachment to Count Lamony. The speaker, in his terms, and amid the vociferous applause of the House, replied the remarks of M. Esenrath. The Minister subsequently had a conference with M. Beck respecting this incident. At this time Count Lamony had not received full satisfaction from the break party. The whole Ministry joined the count in this decision.

Sir Alexander Cockburn, the Lord Chief Justice of England, was present at a banquet in London on Nov. 16, and responding to a toast referred to the arbitration meeting at Geneva. He said he had there discharged functions which, upon the recommendation of Her Majesty's Ministers, the Queen was pleased to confide to him. He had accepted that position in the belief that he should have nothing to do but to inquire judicially into the simple question whether, by any shortcomings on the part of Great Britain, a breach of international law had been committed, and whether Great Britain was bound to make reparation if such had been done. To his astonishment he found that a small Government of Great Britain was impeded in the bitterest forms in the documents furnished to the tribunal, and that the honor of statesmen to whom he had turned to look up, was in a manner which he deemed to be unfounded and unjust. Having considered the case, heard the arguments, and studied the evidence, he felt compelled—without fear or favor, but without any desire to offend—to place on record what he believed to be the true state of the question on which the Government of Great Britain had acted, and if in doing so he had succeeded in vindicating the honor of the Government to which he had referred, he should be happy that it had been his lot to place the facts upon record.

Some months ago the London police petitioned for an increase of pay, and not receiving a satisfactory or decisive reply, petitioned again in stronger terms, at the same time holding a public meeting, which was attended by a very large proportion of the force to promote their object. They then got what they wanted. Some short time afterward a man named Goodchild, who had acted as secretary in the matter, and was the only constable in the force whose name was mentioned, was suddenly transferred from one division to another. This removal subjected him to considerable expense, and regarding it as a punishment for the part he had taken in the agitation, he applied to the police magistrate, who was at once immediately dismissed for insubordination. On the policemen hearing of it, they were very indignant, and at three stations they refused to go on duty, and not until the magistrate, after consulting with the Commissioner of Police, Col. Henderson, decided to suspend all the men who had been insubordinate, about 20 constables being affected by the order. This is the light which the latest news now throws upon London case upon the telegrams already published.

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